

Do you ever wonder...

- **What's the best way to count saltwater anglers?**
- **Is there a way to get catch estimates in the hands of managers more quickly without sacrificing accuracy or precision?**
- **How much do assumptions about private access and tournament fishing really affect catch and effort estimates?**

If you're ready to roll up your sleeves and start answering these and other key questions, make plans to be in St. Pete Beach, Florida from August 7-9, 2009. This three-day working meeting for scientists, managers, and recreational fishermen will get into the nuts and bolts of designing an improved saltwater recreational fishing data collection program.

Rec Data Work Team Workshop

August 7-9, 2009

Sirata Beach Hotel and Resort

St. Pete Beach, FL

The workshop's centerpiece will be the five work teams identified in the Operations Team's approved Work Plan. Each team will delve into their individual area of expertise related to survey design, data analysis, data management and standards, for-hire, and highly migratory species. After months of getting the right pieces in place, this workshop is where we shift into high gear.

While this is a working meeting for each of the five work groups, all members of the public are invited to attend and learn about what it takes to put a data collection program in place. Work team members will receive background materials within the next month. Additional workshop information will be posted online at: <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/>.

On behalf of the Executive Steering Committee, we look forward to your participation in this milestone event.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Executive Steering Committee